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SUMMARY: NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT DELEGATIONS TO JUNE 5-26 ILO MEETING. GOP APPARENTLY HAVING TROUBLE PUTTING ITS OWN DELEGATION TOGETHER AND MANAGEMENT GROUPS REMAIN ON SIDELINES. END SUMMARY.

1. REFTEL REPORTED NAMES OF PORTUGUESE WORKERS DELEGATES TO ILO CONFERENCE; DELEGATES WERE ANNOUNCED BY "INTERSINDICAL," APPARENTLY ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, ON BEHALF OF ALL PORTUGUESE LABOR. NO OBJECTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN VOICED AS FAR AS WE KNOW. (LAWYER CLOSE TO INTERSINDICAL STATES THAT ABOUT 40 OCT OF SYNDICATE REPS TO INTERSINDICAL ARE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND THAT WORKER DELEGATION TO ILO HAS ROUGHLY SIMILAR PROPORTION.)

2. HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MAY 31 THAT LABOR MINISTER PACHECO GONCALVES HAD APPROVED LIST OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATES TO BE HEADED BY SERGIO RIBEIRO, KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS YOUNG MARXIST ECONOMIST/WRITER (WE KNOW OF NO PREVIOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN RIBEIRO AND LABOR SECTOR). OFFICIAL WAS SURPRISED THAT LABOR MINISTER HAD APPROVED GOP DELEGATION, AS CABINET HAS NOT DECIDED WHICH, IF ANY, MINISTERS SHOULD ATTEND CONFERENCE. PART OF PROBLEM STEMS FROM FACT THAT LABOR MINISTER HAS PROTOCOL RANK ABOVE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES; LATTER DOES NOT WISH TO ATTEND AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION HEADED BY COMMUNIST. OFFICIAL INDICATED POSSIBLE COMPROMISE IN PART-TIME ATTENDANCE OF EACH MINISTER, BUT WONDERED IF LABOR MINISTER'S ACTION MIGHT ELIMINATE THIS POSSIBILITY. AS OF MID-DAY JUNE 3, NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT RE GOP DELEGATES HAD BEEN MADE.

3. GOP IN QUANDARY ON QUESTION OF MANAGEMENT DELEGATES. PORTUGUESE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH SELECTED MANAGEMENT'S DELEGATES IN PREVIOUS YEARS, HAS REPORTEDLY MADE NO SUCH INITIATIVE THIS TIME AND IN ANY CASE IS THOROUGHLY TAINTED BY INTIMATE ASSOCIATION WITH OLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGIME. OFFICIAL MENTIONED PARA 2 SUGGESTED GOP WAS LOOKING FOR MANAGEMENT REPS, BUT OFFICIAL RECOGNIZED AT ONCE SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH COULD ARISE IF GOVERNMENT NAMES MANAGEMENT DELEGATES.

COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO CONFUSION NOW PREVAILING IN ALL MINISTRIES, LABOR MINISTRY HAS BEEN INTENSELY OCCUPIED IN SOLVING PROBLEMS CAUSED BY RASH OF WILDCAT STRIKES.

CABINET UNDOUBTEDLY RANKS ILO QUESTION TOWARDS BOTTOM OF
IT PRIORITIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE FELL COMPOSITION AND
BEHAVIOR OF ILO DELEGATION WILL BE USEFUL IN JUDING WHERE
THINGS ARE GOING IN THE LABOR SECTOR. SCOTT

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